

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Takahiro NISHI et al. :
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Filed January 6, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1879

IMAGE SIGNAL DATA STRUCTURE, IMAGE
CODING METHOD, AND IMAGE DECODING
METHOD

**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/824,207,
Filed April 3, 2001)**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: